

THE SWORD OF THE LORD

and of John R. Rice

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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"In Nothing Be Anxious"

(Philippians 4:6)

BY REV. GEORGE MUELLER

No anxiety ought to be found in a believer. Great, many and varied may be our trials, our afflictions, our difficulties, and yet there should be no anxiety under any circumstances, because we have a Father in Heaven who is almighty, who loves His children as He loves His only begotten Son, and whose very joy and delight it is to succor and help them at all times and under all circumstances. We should attend to the Word, "In nothing be anxious, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

"In everything," that is not merely when the house is on fire, not merely when the beloved wife and children are on the brink of the grave, but in the smallest matters of life, bring everything before God, the little things, the very little things, what the world calls trifling things — *everything* — living in holy communion with our Heavenly Father, and with our precious Lord Jesus all day long. And when we awake at night, by a kind of spiritual instinct again turning to Him, and speaking to Him, bringing our various little matters before Him in the sleepless night, the difficulties in connection with the family, our trade, our profession, whatever tries us in any way, speak to the Lord about it.

"By prayer and supplication," taking the place of beggars, with earnestness, with perseverance, going on and waiting, waiting, waiting on God.

"With thanksgiving." We should at all times lay a good foundation with thanksgiving. If everything else were wanting, this is always present, that He has saved us from hell. Then, that He has given us His Holy Word — His Son, His choicest gift — and the Holy Spirit. Therefore we have abundant reason for thanksgiving. O let us aim at this!

"And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." And this is so great a blessing, so real a blessing, so precious a blessing that it must be known experimentally to be entered into, for it passeth understanding. O let us lay these things to heart, and the result will be, if we habitually walk in this spirit, we shall far more abundantly glorify God, than as yet we have done.

Hear John R. Rice

In the Following Services

SUNDAY, JULY 30

RADIO WRR, 7:30 A.M.

S. S. CLASS, 9:45 A.M.

SERMON, 10:45 A.M.

Sunset and Tyler Streets

OPEN AIR REVIVAL SERVICE

7:45 p.m., at 201 E. Tenth St

From Communism To Christ

BY REV. CHARLES E. FULLER

"I have hitch-hiked 2,500 miles, Mr. Fuller, to shake your hand—because I was gloriously converted last June 30, after listening to your message over the Old Fashioned Revival Hour. I was a desperately unhappy and very wicked man—a Communist—a drunkard—but I was sure born again that night and I have been happy in the service of the Lord ever since."

It was after an evening service in January, when Mr. Fuller had been speaking in a down-town church in Los Angeles. Most of the people who had come forward to greet him had gone, when he saw a man slowly approaching him — hat in hand — diffident in manner — his face abeam with the joy of the Lord. He reached up to shake hands, and then he spoke as quoted above. "You brought me to the Lord, and I felt I must see you and thank you for making the way to God so plain."

Let me tell you something of the story of Fred W. He was born in Germany, and reared in a home where his mother was a praying Christian — a member of the Lutheran Church. At the age of 16 he began studying Communism — a little later he began working in a communistic group, and continued spreading this philosophy for 8 years — in Europe, Australia, China and Japan.

In 1912 he came to the United States to advocate Communism, and to systematically spread its doctrines wherever he could. After the war, Communism spread rapidly, and he was appointed to visit different states in the Union. He made two trips to Russia, taking 12 delegates on the second trip, and while there he saw most terrible suffering, and thousands of women and children dying from starvation and disease. Although there was deep hatred in his heart for God, yet when he saw these terrible things in Russia as a result

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Important Changes In The Sword

We plan to enlarge *The Sword of the Lord*. Several contributing editors will be added, God willing. Among these will be Brother C. B. Hedstrom, Christian shoe man of Chicago, Chairman of the Chicago Christian Business Men's Committee, and of the International Christian Business Men's Committee, author of book, "Pay Day — Some Day," and ardent soul winner. His series of articles will begin very soon.

Nationally known preachers also will be contributing editors, with especially strong evangelistic messages, articles on revivals, on temperance, on Bible study and Christian living.

The name of the paper will probably be changed to simply "*The Sword of the Lord*," edited by John R. Rice. Plans are being made for much larger circulation, and soon we hope for six pages weekly.

Among special features we are considering are a weekly question box, comments on the International Sunday School lessons, and a young people's column. We want prayer and suggestions.

We want thousands of names of earnest Christians to whom we can send sample copies; people who might subscribe.

"HAVE FAITH IN GOD"

MARK 11:22

(Sermon by John R. Rice Sunday night, January 9, 1938, Dallas. Stenographically reported.)

PRAYER: Oh, Father, warm hearts, teach us to pray. Lord, I pray like the man who brought his son, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." I pray like the twelve disciples, "Lord, increase our faith." Help us to obey thy command to have faith in God. Make this a church of faith. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

I read in Mark the eleventh chapter, beginning with verse 12.

"And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

"13. And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet."

He found nothing but leaves. What a picture that is of many Christians — nothing but leaves! No fruit, and leaves withered.

"14. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it."

Now begin with verse 19:

"15. And when even was come, he went out of the city.

"20. And in the morning, as they passed by (the next morning), they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

"21. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

"22. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

"23. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

"24. Therefore I say unto

you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

"25. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

"26. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Now I take the text in verse 22, "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God." Jesus had just passed by and they said, "Look how the fig tree is withered away. Yesterday morning we passed this way and saw no fruit and now all the fig tree is already withered away!" Jesus told them they could have the same faith. He told them they could have the same thing happen. He said, "I command you, have faith in God."

I remind you that Jesus — the miracles that He worked and the teaching that He did and souls that He saved — all those He did in His human ministry, in His human body and in the weakness of His human body, filled with the Spirit of God. This Jesus who cursed the fig tree did it not as the Son of God who made it, but cursed it as the "Son of Man" filled with the Spirit. He came into this world and emptied Himself of His deity and glory and so then cursed this

fig tree and Jesus said, "This is an example to you. If you have faith in God you can say to this mountain, 'Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea,' and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

A Sin Not To Believe God

You are not to doubt in your heart. Now here is the command of Jesus: "Have faith in God," and it is a plain command and there is no way for us to get around it. There is no doubt about His command. You are to have faith in God. Jesus said, "What I have you ought to have also." It is your Christian duty. You can have faith in God. It is a plain command.

Jesus came down off the mountain in the seventeenth chapter of Matthew and said to His disciples who had been unable to cast a demon out of a child, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you?" The disciples said, "Why could not we cast him out?" And Jesus said, "Because of your unbelief." And then He said, "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Unbelief! Unbelief! Unbelief! Jesus said, "O ye of little faith." Another time, "Why is it that you have no faith?" Another time He said, "Where is your (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

Friends Invited to Attend Anniversary Services Sunday

Sandwich Lunch For All; Afternoon Services Planned

Every member, and every friend that can possibly come, is invited to be with us Sunday at the Fundamentalist Baptist Church in Dallas as we celebrate our seventh birthday. Sandwich lunch will be served at noon for everybody, with cold lemonade, with cake and other things that people can eat well without plates and silverware. There will be plenty for all, and it will be served with a bountiful spirit of fellowship and good will. We will praise God, will rejoice in our blessings, will confess our failures, I trust, and dedicate ourselves anew to God, as a church, as a lighthouse of Bible teaching and soul winning.

Day time services will be held at Sunset and Tyler in our rented building. Pastor John R. Rice will speak at his Sunday School class at 9:30, and in the morning preaching service at 10:45. Then following the basket lunch for everybody and a bit of fellowship, the afternoon program will be held.

One of the speakers will be Brother John V. Ray, pastor of the Fundamentalist Baptist Church at Sherman, Texas. He is a splendid preacher, a fine soul winning preacher. God is blessing his work at Sherman and the church is prospering. Floors and ceiling have been put in the auditorium, and an air conditioning unit has just been installed the past week, the Sunday School and preaching attendance is holding up fine. We will rejoice in the ministry of Brother Ray. He will be with us at 2:30. There will be special music, another message by a man of God. You are invited and will be blessed, we trust, by the sweet fellowship and by the program.

In the evening, our services will

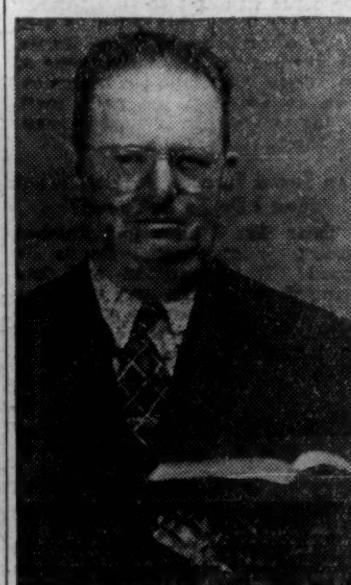
be held in the open air, 201 East Tenth Street. There we trust that souls will be saved as they have been each Sunday night recently. Bring unsaved friends and come praying!

How sweet have been the hearty "Amens" in the last few weeks as God has blessed with old time fire and a real moving of the Spirit on the hearts of adults who have turned to God. Sinners have come to Christ and claimed Him in salvation, backsliders have returned to renew their vows and confess their shortcomings. Saints of God have been warmed and blessed. We invite you to come with us as much of the day as you can for our anniversary next Sunday, July 30th.

We will make it an occasion also for gifts to our Building Fund. Two weeks ago friends promised over \$400 cash to be turned in by August 1st, and those who wish to do so may, without any pressure or embarrassment, but as God leads and as each purposes in His heart, bring offerings for our Building Fund.

Friends will be glad to know that the last of the old burned walls are being taken down and bricks cleaned and that the architect has plans about ready for the bids of contractors. In a few short weeks we expect to be able to announce the glad news that actual construction has begun and is rapidly proceeding.

Do not forget to pray for this seven year old baby. Please rejoice with us in the more than 8,000 professions of faith in Christ He has given us in seven years, and in many other blessings.



Rev. John V. Ray, pastor of the Fundamentalist Baptist Church, Sherman, Texas. Brother Ray will be special speaker Sunday afternoon, July 30th, at Sunset and Tyler, in Dallas.

"HAVE FAITH IN GOD"

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faith?" The Saviour was grieved many, many times by the sin of unbelief. You and I believe that a lost sinner sins terribly when he does not accept Jesus as Saviour. It is a wicked, moral perversion in the heart when a sinner does not accept Christ. It is sin not to trust Christ for salvation. Then why would not it be a sin for a Christian not to have faith in God? We are commanded to have faith in God. It is a command of Jesus that we have faith in God. He said, "Have faith in God." Now if it is a command, it must be a terrible sin not to have faith, for in Hebrews 11:6 the Scripture says, "Without faith it is impossible to please him." It is impossible to please God without faith. Without faith you can not enjoy your prayers, God can not give you what He wants to give you. You can not please God without faith. Lack of faith is sin. Unbelief blocks the hand of God, stops the mercy of God, turns away the face of God, keeps you from having power and joy and help when you need it. It keeps you from being a soul winner.

How To Get Faith: The Bible

It is a sin not to have faith in God! Now if it is a sin not to have faith in God, evidently there must be some way that you could get faith if you went after it. There is. In the first place you get faith by the use of the Bible. The Scripture says, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). If you do not have faith in God you are not doing what you ought to do about the Scripture. There is something about the scriptures that puts faith in you, helps you believe in God. A man that does not believe the Bible is true, needs to read the Bible with an open mind. It has convinced many a man it is true. If one does not believe one is saved by faith, he needs to read the Bible. It proves salvation is wholly by grace. Faith will grow if you read the Bible. In the first Psalm it says of the blessed man that does certain things that "his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." If you want to have faith that will prosper, that will get results, and bear fruit, you need to take the Word of God and read it and meditate in it. You plow deep to make the ground bring forth food. When you dig in the Bible, it springs up faith in your heart. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." If you will do what you ought to do about the Bible this year, reading it, meditating on the Bible, taking time for the Bible, letting it soak in, you will not sin about faith.

David said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11). You won't sin about faith if you read the Bible as you ought to. While making plans for the new year — the new year is not old yet, there is still plenty of time to make New Year's resolutions — why not resolve, "I am going to have faith in God. I am going to absorb, digest, meditate on the Scripture daily." Make it real in your life, meditate day and night in the scriptures. Believe God. Have faith to believe your prayers will be answered.

My heart was blessed last night when I came across the phrase

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where Paul said, "You ought to support the ministry." He quoted Scripture from the Old Testament, "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn," then Paul said, "Doth God take care for oxen?" (I Cor. 1:9). And my heart leaped within me as I thought, God does not care mainly for oxen, but He cares for preachers who tread out corn for God. God says, "I want every preacher to have the muzzle taken off; I want you to see that he gets something to eat, and can go on with his work." God says, "I will see that the muzzle is taken off. I will give him something to eat." The Lord provided for oxen; thank God He can provide for preachers.

The Bible will grow your faith. Read the Bible. If you read about Pentecost you will have faith for revivals. If you read about the widow's mite of oil (II Kings 4:1-7; I Kings 17:8-18), you will have faith for daily bread. If you read about King Hezekiah's sickness and how the Lord gave him fifteen more years (Isa. 38), you will have faith to pray for sickness and healing, then you remember about King Hezekiah, when Sennacherib's army compassed the city to take it on the morrow. That night, after prayer, the death angel came and there were 185,000 corpses the next morning (Isa. 37:36-38). Read that and you will believe the Lord will take care of you if you say, "I will obey the command, Have faith in God." In reading the Bible you will find faith springing up to meet promises of God. If it is all hearsay, all second-hand, you could not believe it much. But if you read here that God says He promises you this, and this, and see where He dealt so faithfully and mercifully with others, after awhile you have got to begin to believe in God.

Grow Faith By Counting Blessings

Then if a man wants to have faith in God, what else will he do? Count your blessings! You are not going to have the faith you ought to have unless you count your blessings. Faith springs up from counting your blessings. Did you remember after the feeding of the five thousand and after the feeding of the four thousand, then Jesus said, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." The disciples thought it was because they did not bring any bread, and Jesus rebuked them and said, "How is it that ye do not understand that I speak it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?" and "Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many baskets ye took up?" (Matt. 16:9, 10, 11). This is the point Jesus made there: "Come back and count your blessings, meditate on what I have done for you. Only believe I can do it now again and do not be worried about bread." If I would meditate on the way God cared for me last week, I would believe that next week He could do it again!

Do you mind if I tell this little interesting personal thing? There came up this week a sweet experience. Came Monday and we did not save out grocery money. I have no regular salary, just offerings, and Sunday's offerings designated for me, we usually spend in two or three days. Mary Lloys, my daughter (with Mrs. Rice away), phoned and wanted to know if she could have fried potatoes for supper. She phoned back in a little bit and said, "Daddy, I'm in trouble. I put on the grease and got it hot and peeled the potatoes and cut them up and fried some. I wanted to peel some more and there wasn't any more potatoes!" I said, "You are in bad shape. You go across to the New Deal grocery store and ask him to let us have some potatoes (ten pounds) and a can of spinach and I will come by and pay for it." I don't remember what time that was. But they brought in the afternoon mail. I had not seen it, but I opened it and found fifty cents to use as I saw fit. What Mary Lloys got at the store cost forty-four cents. I went down there and paid them forty-four cents and had six cents left over. We have had God give us fifty dollars in answer

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NIGHT NOW, BUT JESUS IS COMING!

The following poem with author unknown was clipped from *God's Revivalist and Bible Advocate*.

WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

"O watchman on the walls of state,
What of the night?"
The watchman said, "The hour
seems late,
There is no light,
Save here and there campfires of
war
Blaze fiercely bright,
And armed hosts, both near and
far,
Prepare for fight.

"Or when the morning comes, or
how,

I do not know;
The night is dark — seems darker
now,
The clouds hang low.
Strong kingdoms reel and empires
die,

And peace comes not;
All nations in the darkness cry,
'For what, for what?'

"O watchman on the church's
walls,
What seest thou?"

The watchman said, "The shadow
falls
As never now;
Earth's governments no longer
stand,

Stable and strong;
Injustice bold reigns in the land,
And sin and wrong.

"Philosophy knows not the way;
Statecraft is blind;
The omens of the coming day
They do not find.
Strange perils menace social life
Not known of yore;
The world is filled with doubt and
strife

As ne'er before."

"O watchman true, on Zion's walls,
What of the night?

We know the heavy shadow falls,
The world's affright;
But is there not one radiant
gleam —

One word of cheer?
Is there no pause to earth's sad
dream —

No comfort here?"

The watchman said, with shining
face,
"The night's far gone,
The day is coming on apace;
A glorious dawn

Awaits the children of the day;
For earth's dark night,
Where sin and death no more shall
slay,

Breaks with the light.

"God's cloudless day is soon to
rise,

Whose radiant glow
Has painted on earth's saddest
skies

His covenant bow;
The day whose sun shall never set,
That knows no night;
The morn that never brings regret,
Forever bright."

WHY WE REJOICE

We are grateful to God for the way He is using this paper as well as the editor's booklets and tracts. We are passing on to you some of the things that make our hearts rejoice as we open the daily mail, hoping you will be blessed in reading them.

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Norton, Kansas.

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of Communism, there came to him a peculiar conviction, and he believes that the Spirit of God began to work in his heart then, in answer to his mother's prayers.

Fred W. not only hated God, but he also hated all Christian workers. One day Billy Sunday was preaching on the street in New York City, and as he tried to show the listening men the way of Salvation, Fred W., with hatred in his heart, hit Billy Sunday in the face and knocked him down.

Leaving New York he came to Chicago, still seething with satanic hatred, and with an unrest and unhappiness few of us can imagine. One night as he passed a street-meeting of the Salvation Army, he kicked a hole in the big drum. Later he met Dr. Ironside, who talked to him about his soul, and he was ready to strike him, but did not do so. In 1935 he expected to give a communistic address to several thousand persons in Madison Square in New York City — ridiculing religion and the "dumb nuts" who worshipped God. He was to be the second speaker, and as he stepped to the platform, and began speaking, some power seemed to come upon him, and he was unable to say a word. He was led from the platform, and though treated in the hospital and by several doctors, nothing was of help to him, and he remained speechless for about two years.

With a heavy burden on his heart—and no rest or peace—still cursing God and all Christians, he came in 1938 to Rock Island, Ill. He was drinking heavily—but in his room in the evenings, he listened often to his radio, and sometimes heard Gospel messages and sweet Gospel music. He began to come under conviction.

One night he came home drunk and went to sleep leaving the radio on. When he awoke, the Old Fashioned Revival Hour was carrying its message of God's love into his room by radio—and he listened a while as Mr. Fuller was preaching. Soon he became so angry at hearing the Word of God, that he reached for a whiskey bottle and threw it at the radio, smashing the instrument to pieces. Coming under greater conviction of sin he hated himself and everyone else—and continued drinking heavily. A little later he bought another radio. On a Sunday night about two weeks later he went to bed early, but could not sleep. His light and radio were on the same connection, so when he finally

turned on his light, the radio soon warmed up—and much to his disgust, THERE WAS MR. FULLER PREACHING TO HIM AGAIN! How bold and persistent that man was, thought Fred W., COMING RIGHT INTO HIS ROOM, AND TALKING TO HIM ABOUT THE GOD WHOM HE DESPISED! Let me quote Fred W.'s own words: "I got so stirred up as I lay there listening, that I wanted to get up and turn the radio off. I felt so convicted of sin that I didn't want to hear any more—but it seemed that a peculiar power held me there, and I had no strength to get up from the bed Mr. Fuller continued to talk in that same sweet, winsome voice, telling me that the wages of sin is death, but the GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. Finally I came under such deep conviction that the only thing I could do was to call on the Lord to save me. Finally I got strength to move and I slipped to my knees, and there I confessed my sins, and asked God to cleanse me, and to give me that gift of eternal life. Almost immediately the awful burden was lifted, the burden I had carried for such long years—with all the torment of the evil spirits—yes, that heavy burden lifted, and peace and rest came into my soul. Oh, what a change! I knew something wonderful had happened to me, and I knew I had peace with God. I knew I was a changed man with a love for God, and all new desires—and hatred for all the old things. The next day I stayed in my room, just thanking God for the peace, and rest, and cleansing from sin. I did not know how to pray, but I asked Him to teach me. That night I went to a little mission near by, and I told them that I had just found Christ, and they helped me along the Christian way. I loved to hear God's Word, I loved the Gospel songs, and I loved God's people. All my sinful habits left me, and the Lord set me free from all bondages, and I could say with Paul, 'Old things are passed away, behold all things are become new.'

"Shortly after I accepted Christ my voice gradually began to come back, and I had great joy in winning souls. I used to talk to nearly everyone I met. When the freight trains would roll in down by the river after midnight, and the bums would jump off, I was there with some bread to feed them, and also with the Bread of Life for them. I had such a love in my heart for these poor men who did not know Christ. In a few weeks I went back to Chicago, and preached alone on the street corners. One night four Communists were saved, and they left the party, and are serving the Lord today. I can talk to Communists, for I know them so well and their doctrines. I just love to give them the Word of God. Then came my great desire to meet the brother who led me to the Lord over the radio, so I started for Los Angeles. Oh, it meant so much to me to look into his face and shake his hand. Here I am so happy preaching Christ to the men who gather at the Plaza Park, and Pershing Square, and the Lord has been gracious in giving me souls, including one policeman."

One night while sleeping in a room with several other men in a hotel in Los Angeles, Fred had his trousers stolen with \$10 in the pocket (all the money he had) and also his shoes. For the next three nights he walked the streets, unable to pay for a bed, but he praised the Lord because as he walked he could talk to other homeless men about Christ. In going through one of the down-town tunnels he saw a drunk man stagger and fall. Going up to him, Fred lifted him, and helped him into the fresh air. Then he prayed for him—and after he sobered up, led that poor man to Christ. He had been a Baptist preacher in years gone by, but had been wandering in the wilderness of sin for several years. How glad that poor man was to come back to the Father's house! One evening in talking to a Communist about God the man hit Fred—throwing him backward over a bench—breaking his collar bone, and injuring his right arm. He spent four days in the hospital, and was able to witness for Christ there, too.

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to prayer, thirty dollars a day for six months in answer to prayer, great amounts, but that fifty cents was better than fifty dollars! It meant that God sent just what I needed when I needed it, all the time. God says, "I am taking care of you and looking after your family." Stop and count your blessings and see what God has done for you.

Have faith in God. Why do you not tell what God has done for you? That is what David meant when he said, "Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore I will call upon him as long as I live" (Psa. 116). David said, "I go back and remember what He has done for me, the joy I had, the peace I had, the answers God gave, and say, 'I am going to pray some more. I am going to ask Him for some more, He will hear me! I am going to ask God for some more.'"

Why do you not take a sheet of paper and write down a lot of your answers to prayer, times the Lord heard you when you were in distress? Then you will say, "Lord, I'm going to ask you for some more!"

Make God Some More Tracks

On the Pacific coast one winter a Chinaman was cook in a logging camp high in the mountains. One afternoon he was taking a walk in the snow. Hearing a shuffling sound behind him, he looked back and saw a giant grizzly bear sniffing at his tracks in the snow. Excited by the monster's appearance, the Chinaman said, "You like my tracks? Velly well, I makee you some more!" So when I go back into the past and count the times God has answered my prayers, I feel like making some more tracks to the place of prayer! Beloved, God does like our tracks of faith and encourages us to make some more! You look back and see what God has done for you, the prayers in the past God has answered, the prayers before that He heard, then say, "I will give Him some more prayers to answer." That will help your faith. Count your blessings, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done. Have faith in God!

It is a sin not to have faith in God and it is a sin because it is not necessary to go on in unbelief. You can have faith if you will go back and count your blessings. Consider what God has done for you. Praise glorifies God partly because it impresses on your own mind the goodness of God and so builds faith. That is one reason we should praise Him.

Ask God For Faith

"Have faith in God." How? Have faith by asking for it. That is what the Bible says.

You know Hebrews, the eleventh chapter, says, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." "By faith Enoch," "by faith Noah," "by faith Abraham," "by faith Isaac," and

that so short a time ago he was such a wicked man—a blasphemer, a drunkard. Where he used to sow seeds of Communism and atheism, he now dedicates his life to the sowing of the Word of God.

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"by faith Jacob," by faith David did this, by faith the prophets did this. Then chapter twelve begins, still talking about faith: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Old Noah looks down here and says, "I wonder why John Rice doesn't have more faith?" By faith righteous Abel brought a lamb for a sacrifice—Abel looks down and says, "I wonder why Thornton has any trouble trusting God?" Heavily witnesses are looking down! Enoch looks down on Stark and says, "I wonder how Stark has any trouble trusting God?" Abraham who started to offer Isaac for a sacrifice (but God would not let Abraham kill him but provided a lamb instead)—Abraham looks

THE EDITOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Editor of *The Sword of the Lord* will be at Clear Lake, Iowa, July 31st to August 5th, speaking twice daily in a summer Bible conference, conducted by Waterloo Christian business men of several churches.

August 6th to 13th he will speak morning and evening at Cedar Lake (Indiana) Evangelistic Conference, sponsored by the Christian Business Men's Committee of Chicago.

October 1st a revival of two or more weeks is scheduled with the First Baptist Church of Maywood, California.

November 6th to 24th is promised for a busy period in Chicago, by the editor. He will speak in the Grand Opera House in the Loop each week-day except Saturday, broadcasting over radio WJJD. Evenings will be taken up in revival services. Pacific Garden Mission. Rev. Donald Gately, Superintendent, has asked me to help them in their anniversary week, speaking in six churches including Moody Church, and in the Mission. A revival is scheduled, but these plans are not all worked out. We are grateful for most kind invitations, but we cannot accept them all.

Meantime friends will pray for the heavy work in Dallas, the building program and the soul winning work. May God give grace and strength and fruit to His glory.

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down! There are Heavenly witnesses around us! "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." What besetting sin is He talking about? The sin of unbelief! *Lay aside unbelief.* How? "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of OUR FAITH!" I look up to Jesus and say, "Oh, Saviour, You are the Author of this faith I have. Then You give me the rest of the faith I need. You are the Finisher, then, Lord, You put the finishing touches on my faith!" Look to Jesus to bring you faith. That is what people did in Bible times.

Jesus said in Mark 9:23, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." He said, "If you have faith, you can have anything." "And straightway the father of the child cried out and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." If you want faith you can have it. Ask for it. Say, "I do believe. Lord, help my unbelief." You have a right to lay aside the weight and sin of unbelief and say, "You old unbelief, I don't need you. I am going to have faith in God!"

In Luke the 17th chapter, beginning with verse 5, we find a prayer for faith:

"And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith."

The apostles said, "Increase our faith." That man said, "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief." Hebrews 12:2 says, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." You can have more faith if you pray for faith!

Faith Grows By Knowing and Proving God

The more experience you have with God, the easier it is to trust Him. If you knew the kind of God He is, you could not help having faith in Him.

There was a poor ignorant woman once, to whom somebody said, "Well, you say you are saved for sure?" She said, "I certainly am." But this one argued with her that you have to wait until you get to Heaven before you can know, that if you fall into sins God may forsake you at any time. She said, "Thank God, I take HIS word for it. I would be willing to be the second woman that God went back on, but I am determined I will not be the first one! If He had gone back on a few others, I might have some fears, but I am determined I will not be the first one He forsakes." He is not going back on me, because He never did on anybody else. The more you have to do with some folks the more sure you are of them. The more you have to do with Jesus the more you can risk Him. Faith grows by trying God out.

It is wonderful when people have confidence in you, because they know you.

When I was a boy I remember one time going to a drug store owned by Neil Raborn at Dundee, Texas. I asked him if he would charge something to my dad. He said, "Yes, we will charge half the store to William H. Rice, or all of it if he wants it." He knew my dad! Is it not a wonderful thing about Jesus — the more you know Him, the more you can absolutely trust Him?

If somebody here is not a Christian, listen. One time there was a man converted when D. L. Moody preached and Moody told him, "Watch out, the devil will hit you about tomorrow morning and tell you you are not saved. You had better get a scripture you can hang on to. Take John 3:16." But the devil did not wait until the next morning, he got after him that night. He could not sleep. The devil kept saying, "You are not saved," but he said, "Yes, old devil, I am. Here is John 3:16: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." So I am saved." But the devil came along again and said, "You don't know that the translators translated that right. You can't read Greek," and the devil had him in a tight place. "You don't know whether the promises are true or not," and so far into the night he said, "I don't know

whether it is translated right or not, but I am going to believe it and when I come to die I am going to say, 'Lord, if I made a mistake it isn't my mistake, it is the translators' mistake.' So he found peace and went to sleep. Do not worry about the translation, just trust Christ. No translator could ever make the Bible promise more than Jesus promised Himself. Translators could not picture Jesus any better than He is, nor expect Him to answer prayer any more than He does it. I thank God He is worthy of all trust. The more you know Him, the more faith is going to grow. Get acquainted well with Jesus and so "Have faith in God!" I would use what faith I have got. You can say, "God, I have got a little faith. I am going to use that. Help my unbelief." Faith will grow if you go like you are, trusting God the best you can. Try God out. "Have faith in God."

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